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Karen M. Weaver 7-13-2020

Karen M. Weaver, age 74, of Grinnell, died on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at UnityPoint Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A public celebration of her life was scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 13, 2020, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Private family interment will be held at Westfield Cemetery near Grinnell.

A public visitation with the family present was held from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Those attending the visitation were encouraged to wear a mask and to practice social distancing.

Memorials may be designated to the PEO Women's Star Scholarship fund and (NAMI) National Alliance on Mental Illness - Iowa, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Karen's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Karen Marie Krumm was born the daughter of Paul and Doris (Losey) Krumm on June 13, 1946, in Grinnell, Iowa. She was raised near Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1964.

Karen was united in marriage to Clark Adelbert Weaver on March 28, 1965, at the Newburg Congregational Church in Newburg, Iowa. Their marriage was blessed with three children: Mark, Michelle and Melanie. They resided and farmed northwest of Grinnell. Karen worked at Tharp's Pharmacy, Cunningham Drug Store, Van Ervelde Decorating, Swift's Greenhouse, and Hammond's Hallmark through the years. She held a passion for helping children and was a paraprofessional at Fairview School, helped with the after-school programs at Bailey Park School, and was involved in the Grinnell Community Daycare for several years. She was a member of the United Church of Christ - Congregational in Grinnell.

Karen's family was always first and foremost, and she dearly loved her grandchildren. She loved life on the farm and caring for the animals, especially latest additions, Hawkeye, the yellow lab, and Katy Cat. She held a passion for gardening and through the years she earned the title of master gardener. Her enjoyments included reading, bird watching, fishing, going for walks, and traveling. Karen will be remembered for her kind, gentle demeanor, for being meticulous in everything she did, for her ability to recall and share stories, and for the strong love of her family.

Karen is survived by her husband of 55 years, Clark Weaver of Grinnell; her children, Mark T. Weaver of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Michelle Weaver of Dallas, Texas, and Melanie (Jamie) Smith of Scottsdale, Arizona; and two grandchildren, Jackson and Maggie Smith of Scottsdale. Karen was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Paul Losey.

